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LIKE MANY OTHER of Central Contra Costa's many children, Shelia and Larry Cockrell of Walnut Creek long looked forward to Thanksgiving Day and its traditional feast. Early this week, SUN Photographer Erwin Mattson caught these youngsters in a lesson in carving.

## Rezoning Action Scheduled for Dec. 7

### Commuters Fight Greyhound Move For New Company

The Contra Costa County Commuters Association learned this week that Pacific Greyhound is still trying to obtain approval to establish the Golden Gate Transit Company to handle commuter service in the Bay Area, including Contra Costa and Marin Counties.

Chairman John E. McKirahan of the association's service committee stated that both the Contra Costa commuter group and the Marin Federated Commuter Clubs will continue their opposition to the Greyhound plan. The two groups feel that the setting up of a separate line would not be in the public interest and would result in higher rates, McKirahan said.

"Greyhound's original application to set up the company was turned down earlier this year by the Interstate Commerce Commission," he said.

"Greyhound was given until November 15 to file an exception. This exception has been filed."

JAMMING UP of buses in the morning in Orinda and Lafayette is a problem which the Contra Costa commuter group is continuing to tackle, the service committee head said.

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### Chamber Reports Controlled Lot Working Smoothly

The new controlled parking area fronting Moraga Highway between the Sproule-Reitz store and the Standard station is working smoothly. It was reported this week by Stan Allen and Horace Breed of the Orinda Chamber of Commerce.

The area, which allows free parking for one hour with a token charge of 10 cents for each additional hour, is being operated by the chamber on a temporary basis.

Breed and Allen emphasized that the controlled parking "is not a money-making proposition for the chamber, but is simply a way to insure adequate turnover in the lot for convenience of shoppers."

In addition to this area, the chamber has on lease from Pacific Gas and Electric Company an approximate 30-car lot adjoining the larger spot which is for free use of employees of merchants in the area.

To clarify questions in the minds of motorists, the chamber spokesmen emphasized that another lot, behind the Orinda Theater, has no connection with the Chamber of Commerce.

The latter lot recently became a "paid" area, charging 25 cents an hour for parking. It is owned by Donald Rheem, operator of the theater.

Kids' Story Hour at the Orinda Library, a weekly occurrence last summer, will recommence on Saturday, December 4 under the direction of the Orinda Junior Woman's Club, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

It will take place monthly instead of weekly and will be held in the Mayflower Room of Orinda Community Church.

Mrs. Wallace Riddell, general chairman of the program has invited Mrs. John Madison and Mrs. Edwina Winters to participate in the initial storytelling hour.

Youngsters between the ages of 4 and 8 will be especially interested, as well as their mothers who will welcome the opportunity to leave their children at the library so they may have an hour of quiet shopping.

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### Newman Describes 'Crucial Issue'

"Crucial issue" in the controversy over rezoning of the land along the west side of San Pablo Dam Road was summarized last Friday by Frank C. Newman, Orinda Association counsel, as:

"Whether the business needs of Orinda . . . can best be served" by:

1. "The haphazard, irresponsible kind of development that would result if our ordinance were amended to make this tract an ordinary business district," or

2. "The kind of development that is consistent with the character of the Orinda community and gives reasonable assurance that the business facilities to be provided are the business facilities we need."

SINCE NEWMAN was in New York, his 17-page statement was read at the Board of Supervisors hearing by Mitchell Farrar of the Orinda Association's Orinda Planning Committee.

The statement stresses that the rezoning problem "is not a case of hardship" for any property owners.

No occupant of the property is going to be harmed if this application (the East Bay Municipal Utility District application) is denied," Newman declares.

"The case involves land that is unimproved . . . The utility district which has applied for rezoning does not intend to develop the land. Rezoning was requested because the land would thus be made more valuable, for purposes of sale."

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### Orindans Pack Hearing Room At Martinez

Following an almost-four-hour public hearing attended by some 150 Orindans last Friday, the County Board of Supervisors announced a decision will be announced at 10 a. m. December 7 on East Bay Municipal Utility District's controversial application for Retail Business rezoning of Crossroads-area land.

The arguments in the packed supervisors' chambers revolved around the land along the west side of San Pablo Dam Road between the Village and the Crossroads, regarding which the County Planning Commission has recommended approval.

PROTEST PETITIONS signed by approximately 3272 Orindans were presented to the supervisors by William Penn Mott Jr. of the Orinda Planning Committee. The petitions had been circulated by the committee.

In addition, about 100 letters and telegrams from individuals and organizations were in the hands of the county board. These included all but two of the 20 neighborhood improvement groups in Orinda.

All 20 of these neighborhood associations were represented at the hearing, as were a number of other organizations, including the Orinda Mothers Club.

PRESENTATION of the appeal for rejection of the Planning Commission recommendation was made by the Orinda Association and its Orinda Planning Committee, which have spearheaded the efforts for a "planned unit development" for 25 acres along the west side of San Pablo Dam Road.

When the hearing opened at about 9:15 a. m., Association President Zach Montgomery asked for a continuance. This was denied. The board explained that a continuance could not be granted because EBMUD objected to delay.

Montgomery then introduced the following opposition speakers: Mitchell Farrar and Mott of the Orinda Planning Committee; Mrs. Coleman Huntley, president of the Orinda Mothers Club; Mrs. Richard Ward of the Women's Planning League of Contra Costa County, and Edward M. Rowland, president of the Planning League of Contra Costa County.

FOLLOWING THEIR arguments and an extemporaneous opposition statement by George Stanton of Orinda, proponents of the proposed rezoning talked.

John Reilly of the EBMUD legal staff led these speakers, who also included Attorney Bestor Robinson, representing Jack Snow; Edward Robert Fitzsimmons, attorney for General Petroleum; Robert Eshel, attorney for the law firm of Tamm and DeLap, representing Standard Oil Company, and M. B. Dowd, representing Shell Oil Company.

Phil Wagner, EBMUD properties division manager, was in the hearing room but did not speak. Rebuttal arguments were made by Mott and Francis Violich, consultant to the Orinda Planning Committee.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Chairman H. L. Cummings drew a round of applause when he stated he felt the relocation of San Pablo Dam Road behind the Village and the Creek, as desired by the people of Orinda, is of "paramount importance." He made this statement when, after 1 p. m., he announced that the hearing was closed.

Cummings said that County Road Commissioner Victor W. Sauer would visit the site to investigate feasibility of relocating the road.

Expressing the hope that "something can be done" regarding the relocation, Cummings stated that the supervisors will again view the property and that on December 7 they expect to be in a position to know whether to act on the Planning Commission recommendation or to send the matter back to the commission.

EBMUD's application for Retail Business rezoning of the Pine Grove, also a part of the utility district's application but recommended by the Planning Commission for denial, was not discussed.

REILLY DECLARED that all (Continued on Page 2)

### Further Study of Orinda City Costs To Be Followed by Directors' Stand

In order to learn more about probable costs of Orinda incorporation, the Orinda Association board Monday night authorized Chairman Frank Cayting of the incorporation study committee to name groups of interested citizens to study the problem.

Their findings will be relayed to the committee, and after the committee's report the directors will announce their stand at a Town Meeting, it was decided.

THE INFORMATION will then be disseminated throughout the community, and a poll will be taken to ascertain whether the people want steps to be taken toward incorporation.

Directors estimated it would take six weeks to two months for a study to be made by the citizen groups.

PARTICULAR ATTENTION will be paid to probable costs for roads, police protection, and planning and zoning.

The board explained that if incorporation steps are given the "go-ahead" by the community, incorporation proceedings could be started next spring. That would allow time for completing the process by February 1, 1956, so that the new city could have its assessment rolls effective for the 1956-57 fiscal year.

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Postmaster Laura Mallory announces that the Orinda Post Office is accepting applications for work at Christmas time from veterans who reside within the city delivery limits of Orinda.

Preference will be given to those who have an automobile for which they will be paid 90 cents an hour. The pay for a substitute carrier working at Christmas time is \$1.565 an hour.

Applicants must be available during the period between December 11 and 26, and no one who is employed elsewhere during that period will be accepted.

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Up to Thanksgiving Eve, no rain had been recorded and the traditional turkey met his fate in fairly dry surroundings.

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## EBMUD Operations, Activities Are Investigated by Assembly Committee

Controversy over laws governing the management and operation of public utilities districts was heightened this week as the Assembly Interim Committee on Public Utilities and Corporations closed in controversy over the construction of an East Bay Municipal Utility District reservoir.

The assembly committee was organized primarily to explore functions, legal powers and rates of municipal utility districts, and a two day hearing was held in Richmond last Thursday and Friday to examine the EBMUD.

CONTRAST, FINALLY centered around the construction of a reservoir in Pinole Valley which is bitterly opposed by builders and developers and just as staunchly defended by the utility district.

Harold Raines, attorney for EBMUD, maintained that any changes in the Municipal Utility District Act of 1921, under which EBMUD operates, "would put the district in a straight jacket."

Raines objected to amendments made by Assemblyman S. C. Masterson of Richmond, because they would remove authority from the board of directors of the utility district which has "the responsibility of furnishing water to the people."

A DISPUTE OVER the furnishing of industrial water to the Richmond area has long continued. Present discussion revolved around plans of the utility district to create a natural reservoir in the Pinole Valley area.

One of Masterson's amendments would leave such disputes in the hands of the courts for decision. Masterson argued that "under current laws it is up to the utility district to decide. Under my proposal, if the utility district and some other governmental agency cannot agree,

the matter would go to the courts for decision."

Raines argued for the utility district, explaining that it had "not conspired against anyone. The reservoir sites we have under consideration are where they are and were placed there by nature."

VICTOR SAUER, County Road Commissioner, testified that it would cost approximately \$1,830,000 to relocate roads in the valley which would be inundated by the proposed reservoir.

Raines countered with, "It would be incumbent and mandatory on the district to pay for the relocation of the roads; that right is given to owners of roads by the state constitution."

Francis B. Blanchard, manager of the EBMUD water resources and planning division, told the committee the reservoir would serve the Sycamore Filter Plant and most of the 74 square miles of West Contra Costa County.

ARGUING FOR CHANGES in the 1921 Act, Frederick Bold Jr., representing the office of the Richmond city attorney, said "the most serious defect of the utility act of 1921 was that it gave no aggrieved individual or public body an opportunity to have a public hearing to review a question of rates or the location of a reservoir."

J. O. Reavis, attorney for the Southern San Joaquin Municipal Utility District, testified that his board of directors is "opposed to any change in the existing laws" because the present act is "about as good a law as you can get."

A report will be compiled on the two-day hearing, but no recommendations will be made to the legislature, according to Assemblyman William Marsh of Los Angeles, a member of the committee.

## New School Site To Be Annexed by Sanitary District

Directors of the Central Contra Costa Sanitary District have agreed to annex a new school site upon request of the Mt. Diablo Unified School District.

The action came at a board meeting November 18.

In other action the directors agreed to bring condemnation of easement proceedings against two lots, granted a request for an appropriation of \$1000 to complete work on the water system at the district treatment plant and turned down a request by the Diablo Public Utility District that the Sanitary District accept its sewage for treatment.

THE BOARD ALSO agreed to put off further discussion on the bond issue until January.

The request for annexation of the school site was for the Strandwood Elementary School to be built west of Gregory Gardens in Pleasant Hill. The affirmative action means the school will get sewage service by the Sanitary District.

Condemnation of easement proceedings will be brought against the W. C. Abri property on Overhill Road in Orinda, where the district has a faulty sewer line it must repair, and against a 13-acre estate of Joseph Long, also of Orinda.

THE LATTER ACTION was requested by H. H. De Grasse, 9 Brookbank Road, Sleepy Hollow, who wanted to put a direct sewer connection through the Long property. Long had objected, but on the advice of the district engineer-manager, the easement proceedings were passed.

Gerry Horstkotte, the engineer-manager, asked for a \$1000 appropriation to complete work on the water system at the treatment plant at Pacheco. Horstkotte estimated that water bills at the plant will be cut by 50 to 75 per cent when the system is complete.

ON THE AGENDA for next Thursday night's meeting is a public hearing on a resolution of intention to do sewage work in Local Improvement District No. 29.

LID No. 29 extends along the Tice Valley Road about a mile south of Walnut Creek. The Sanitary District has sent notice to the people in the LID of its intention to install sewers after the necessary legal steps, such as petitions by property owners and County Health Department certificates of necessity, had been taken.

Next week's hearing is required by law to give the people in the area concerned a chance to protest any phase of the work proposed.

Also at the meeting, Dr. Henrik Blum, county health officer, will be present at his request to talk about problems covering the entire Sanitary District in regard to unconnected septic tanks.

## Federalists Hear Sweden Delegate

Robin Skewes-Cox, delegate to the 1949 World Federal Government Conference in Sweden, addressed a meeting of the local chapter of the United World Federalists Tuesday night.

The meeting was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eldo Bianchi at 1879 Helen Road, Pleasant Hill.

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MERIDIAN BOY SCOUT DISTRICT'S annual dinner for adult leaders was held at Stanley School, Lafayette, November 17. District officers for 1955 were installed. Pictured at the gathering are, seated from left to right, Glenn Gleason of Walnut Creek, district commissioner; Judge A. F. Bray, Mt. Diablo Boy Scout Council president, and John S. Youmans, district executive, and standing behind them, C. E. Turner, assistant district commissioner in charge of Lafayette.

—SUN Photo by Mattson

## Christmas Seal Sale Under Way

Tuberculosis prevention and other vital programs will require \$65,000 to be raised in Contra Costa County in the 1954 Christmas Seal Sale drive, which opened Monday. President Harold DeFraga of the Contra Costa Tuberculosis and Health Association, reports that approximately 85,000 residents have received Christmas Seals in their homes.

This year's goal of \$65,000 was established by the executive committee after considering the needs for 1955 as outlined by the chairman of the various committees.

These committee chairmen include Dr. C. J. Pertuit, program; Mrs. George Vurek of Orinda, rehabilitation; Mrs. B. O. Wilson of Concord, patient services; George Wacken, case finding; Mrs. Millard E. Bostock, Christmas Seal Sale; Mrs. A. H. Bastian of Orinda, Blood Bank; Neil C. Cornwall of Lafayette, personnel practices; and Leonard Medsker of Danville, membership committee.

"Among the big projects under consideration for 1955 to discover unknown cases of TB are the continuation of the routine X-rayings of all jail prisoners at County Jail, expansion of routine X-rayings of all patients in certain hospitals in Contra Costa County and concentration of case finding activities among groups known to have a high incidence of TB," DeFraga announced.

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## Meridian District Scouts Hold Annual Potluck Dinner, Recognition Meeting

More than 350 Scouts of the Boy Scout Meridian District gathered in the Stanley School in Lafayette November 17, for their annual district potluck dinner and recognition program.

The evening's program was opened by a tableau depicting the three phases of scouting — Cubs, Scouts and Explorers. Those taking part under the direction of Dick Ross, assistant district executive, were Dick Lloyd of Pack 220 and Carl Dreyer and Kent Koser of Troop 224.

AN INVOCATION WAS presented by the Rev. Chester Lewis of the Lafayette Community Church.

J. A. Shockey, member of the Executive Board of the Mt. Diablo Council, acted as master of ceremonies for the evening.

Following the pot-luck dinner during which each unit enjoyed a friendly get-together with its own members and other neighboring units, community singing was led by Herb Macey.

Shockey introduced more than 34 sponsoring institutions of the 66 scouting units in Pleasant Hill, Lafayette, Walnut Creek, Danville, Alamo, Canyon and Orinda.

All unit leaders, Cubmasters, Den Mothers, Scoutmasters, and Advisors were presented to the audience during the program.

ALL SCOUTS AND EXPLORERS who had received during the past year the highest awards of scouting — the Eagle award and Silver award — were also presented. These included Arne K. Greenings, Troop 200; Phillip Condit, Troop 220; Roger Schultz, Troop 220; Bruce Herbert Jr., Troop 226; Boyd Stephens, Troop 231; and Hugh Corum, Post 306.

Special recognition was given to a group of Explorer Scouts who had attended the Junior Leader Training Courses at Philmont, during the past summer. These boys included William Brown, Stephen DeMaria, Jack Lee, and Glenn Gleason Jr., of Orinda and Danville. Bill Brown

gave an account of their 36-day experience at the national scout ranch. CERTIFICATES were presented by Ward Waite to those scouts who had completed courses in the recent University of Scouting held at Acalanes High School.

A number of organizers' awards were given to members of the group who worked during the past year in organizing new units and obtaining new sponsors for scouting in this area. Marv Moler was chairman of this group.

Officers of the Meridian District for the past year were introduced by C. R. Graff, retiring District Chairman. Included among the officers were G. H. Macey, A. J. Tarlock, Orville Jones, J. A. DeMaria, N. R. Hughes, Charles Bowers, Marv Moler, A. T. Handley, Tom Mika, Ray Van Tassel.

Also, Ward Waite, Harold Larsen, Duncan Knudsen, Glenn T. Gleason, Joe Conley, Ralph Hall, Shirley Peakes, C. L. Feiler, W. B. Faulkner, G. A. Walden, A. P. Winsor, E. M. Read, A. D. Dambacher, A. K. McLean, W. D. Rebernour, F. H. Wilson, Harry McBride, Ian McLaughlin, Fitch Robertson, Lloyd Osborn, Jack Pedder, W. E. Stone, J. M. Brothers and R. C. Anthoni-

sen. NEW OFFICERS OF THE district for the coming year were installed by Judge A. F. Bray. Herb Macey of Walnut Creek is the new chairman, Duncan Knudsen, district vice-chairman, and Glenn Gleason, district commissioner. Members of the district staff and the commissioner staff were introduced at this time, and then installed by C. K. Parker.

A synopsis of what has been accomplished in this district and a review of the challenge which lies ahead for scouts during 1955 was given by Victor Linblad, Scout executive of the Mt. Diablo Council.

Following the close of the program, square dancing was enjoyed by the scouts and their partners under the leadership of Betty Austin of Alamo.

## Christian Science

The vital importance of detecting the false suggestions of evil and correcting them with the spiritual truth concerning God's unending goodness and all-power will be stressed at Christian Science services Sunday in churches of Christ, Scientist, 1347 Locust Street, Walnut Creek, and 42 Orinda Highway, Orinda.

In the Lesson-Sermon entitled "Ancient and Modern Necromancy, alias Mesmerism and Hypnotism, Denounced," the following passage will be read from the Bible (Isaiah 5:20): "Woe unto them that call

evil good; and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!"

From "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy, the following passage will be read (469:13): "Mind is God. The exterminator of error is the great truth that God, good, is the only Mind, and that the supposititious opposite of infinite Mind — called devil or evil — is not Mind, is not Truth, but error, without intelligence or reality."

The Golden Text is from Romans (8:31): "If God be for us, who can be against us?"

## First Camp Fire Girl Council Is Scheduled

Diablo Valley Camp Fire Girls Council will hold its first Council Fire at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Parkmead School, President Dick Rockwell announced this week.

## Last Rites for Joseph Barkley To Be Tomorrow

Private funeral services for Joseph W. Barkley, county surveyor for the past 16 years, will be held at his home at 1845 Shuey Avenue tomorrow morning.

He died at 63 after a short illness Sunday night. He suffered a stroke early last week.

Tuesday, the Board of Supervisors adjourned at 4 p.m. in respect of his memory. Friends may call at the Little Chapel of the Flowers at until 9 p.m. tonight.

A GRADUATE of the University of California in 1916, Barkley spent six years directing road building projects in the Republic of Panama before returning to Walnut Creek in 1926.

He was engaged in several projects for the county including service as engineering representative during construction of the Broadway low-level tunnel. He became surveyor in 1938.

He was a member of Brentwood Lodge 345 F&AM, Walnut Creek American Legion Post 115, Alamo Chapter 214, Order of Eastern Star, the Commonwealth Club of San Francisco.

HE IS SURVIVED by his wife, Alice P., a son, Joseph W. Barkley Jr. of Redwood City, a daughter, Mrs. Helen Ruth Pillsbury of Redwood City, and a nephew, George Barkley of the county highway department.

He is also survived by the following brothers and sister: James Barkley, Benicia; Mrs. E. L. Nelson, San Francisco; Mrs. Charles Glass, Brentwood; Charles Barkley, Brentwood; Henry Barkley, Concord; Theodore Barkley, Ripon, and Mrs. Emma Barkley, Brentwood.

## Fluoridation Vote Deadline Nears in Gregory Gardens

Gregory Gardens residents have only a few days to return post card ballots that will determine whether or not their small water district will be the first in this area to install fluoridation equipment.

Mailed out by district headquarters in the first part of November, the ballots must be returned by Tuesday in order to be counted.

A RECENT TALLY indicated yes votes leading by three to one, which means fluoridation might be a reality by the first of the year.

When the ballots were mailed to the almost 1500 homes served by the district, directors stated the result would be the only thing that would guide their action in the matter.

The board will meet next December 7 and, if the yes lead is continued, might adopt fluoridation at that time. It would take a month or so to have the equipment installed, according to President Frank Saling.

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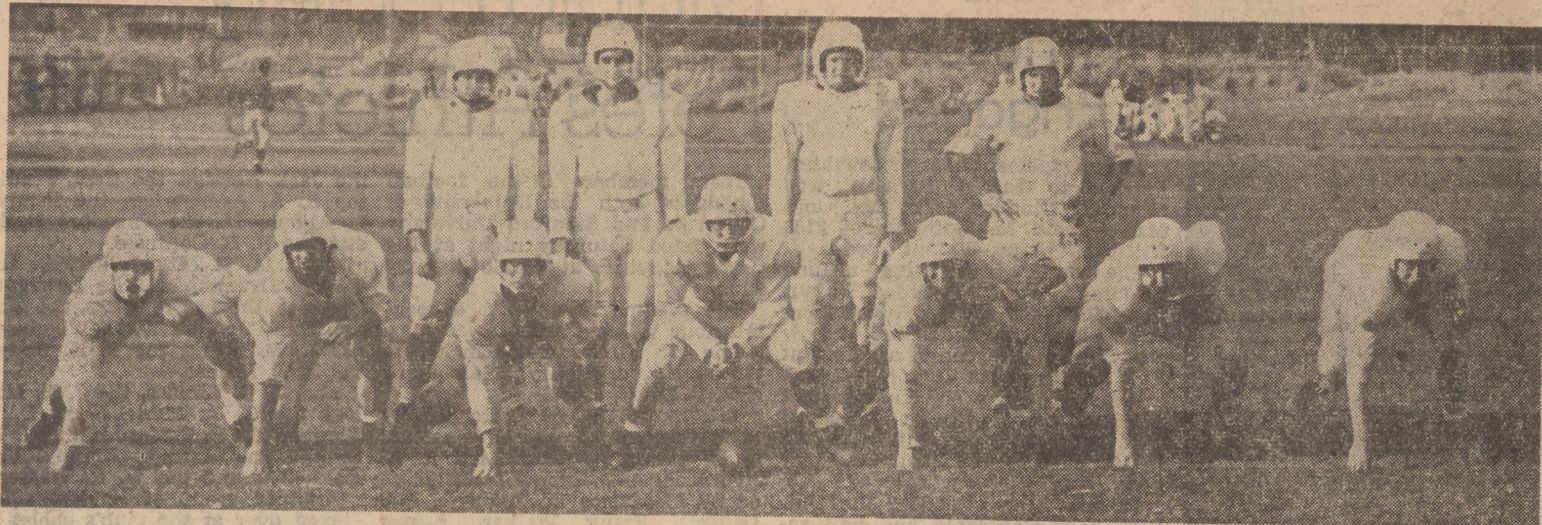












IN THEIR LAST TWO GAMES the Don Varsity came up and won, copping fourth place in the league. Coach Mattson says that the first games that they lost this season were only "practice" games to put the men in readiness for the Las Lomas game. Although the Don team placed only fourth, they fought with all the spirit they had. The varsity team members are, left to right, right end Dave Baldwin, right tackle Bud Dodge, right guard Jon Palmer, center Andy Fadelli, left

guard Bill Rupley, left tackle Ed Deemer, left end Pete Villa, full-back Dale Marcellini, left halfback Geoff Wahl, right halfback Sonny Faulk, and quarterback "Red" Jones. It's unfortunate that most of the varsity team members are seniors. Next year the J.V.'s will have to take their places. With their good record this year, they will do very well in the 1955 football season. If the team keeps up its good record next year, and the spirit is as good, they will win all their games.

## Knight Cagers Meet Indians Tuesday Night

The Las Lomas fives have been hard at work on practice drills all week long, in preparation for their opener with John Swett High on Tuesday.

Coaches of the varsity and Bee clubs have been scratching their heads, trying to find starting fives. Varsity Coach Merrill Callow has been hard struck by injuries, with Rick Ostrom, Bob Kinyon and Jon French, all regulars of last year, sidelined with "miscellaneous" of one kind or another. Latest to join the

group is Larry Oslin, who came up with a sprained ankle.

**TENTATIVE STARTERS** at this writing are Arne Lindquist at center, Bob Lucas at guard and Arne Lahde at forward. The other two spots are wide open, but with French likely to get the call if his ankle responds.

The varsity ranks are thin at this point, however, with only 10 active members on the roster.

Coach George Deklotz of the Bees has his troubles, too, inasmuch as he had but one returning veteran to begin with, in Guard Ron Fifield, and the picture was further complicated when six were lost when weigh-ins were held for Bees early in the week.

**THE LOSS** leaves but nine on the squad, which probably means several will be pulled up who failed to make the original squad.

The Knights do hold promise, however, once they get a few games under their belts, and could well be a surprise team in league play, much as they were in football.

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## Ram Quintets Host San Ramon Next Tuesday

The Pleasant Hill Rams, handicapped by a late start, have finally got into the swing of things through regular basketball practice sessions and will go on public display for the first game of the hoop season Tuesday.

They will play host to the San Ramon Wolves.

The late start came about when practice was held up for two weeks, due to the fact that two football players came down with polio at the end of the grid season.

**THE LEAGUE** has ruled that they can practice over Thanksgiving vacation in order to catch up with other teams.

Coach Art Poulin's varsity had but two days' practice at this writing, and as a result was very much in the formative stage.

He does have all of last year's squad, with the exception of Dick Egan, who transferred, so will probably field a veteran five in the opener.

Four likely starters are Jim McMillan, center, Ray Johnson, forward; Bob Ritchie, guard, and Norm Friberg, guard.

**LYLE PALMER**, Bee coach, has a promising outlook, as he lost only two players from last year's squad, with Bill Nixon and Owen Wilks moving up to the varsity ranks.

Next Tuesday's game will be played in the Pleasant Hill gym, which is very limited in capacity, and as a result the audience will be limited to 120.

All other home games will be played at Mt. Diablo High.

## Don Five Beats Piedmont Team By 49-38 Score

The Acalanes Dons went on display last Friday afternoon and the local fans went away liking what they saw of the 1954-55 model as presented by Coach Jean Ridley.

The Don quintet copped a 49-38 win from Piedmont.

Playing in their home court, the Acalanes five swept to an early lead as it went out in front 17-6 at the quarter-way mark, with Red Jones banging the hemp for 8 points on four field goals.

**IN THE SECOND** period the Dons, playing with a galaxy of substitutes, slowed down, making 8 points to Piedmont's 9, making it 25-15 at the halfway mark.

In the second half the Dons had things well in control, especially in the fourth quarter, when elongated Center Joe Sheaff hit on four field goals, to ice the game.

The Don starters consisted of Jerry Coakley and John Conley in the forward slots, Joe Sheaff at center and Red Jones and Charley Knobel at the guard spots.

**IN THE SCORING** column, honors for the Dons went to Jones (45) and Sheaff (14), while Piedmont's center, Bill Trousedale, accounted for 15 points.

The Dons' offensive patterns and out-of-bounds plays functioned with effective smoothness, particularly in view of the fact that the Acalanes lads had but four days' practice behind them.

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## What About Cal's Amazing Paul Larson? His Varied Playing Causes Speculation

By ERWIN MATTSON

**THE CAL-STANFORD** game is now a matter of record, but the argument of the day is concerned with the ability or lack of it in connection with Cal's Paul Larson.

As one was remarked, Larson made seven touchdowns, four for Cal and three for Stanford.

In the second quarter he was brilliant, with his spot passing, but he played at his lowest ebb in a long time when he misused on his play-making and signal calling in the second half, enabling Stanford to get up off the floor and make what was nearly a Horatio Alger finish.

Many have stated that if time hadn't run out Stanford would have won, never taking into consideration that Cal might have made a comeback of its own.

**THE MOST ABSURD** thing about the whole football picture is the fact that UCLA is forced to sit on the sidelines due to the ruling that no team can appear in the Rose Bowl twice in a row.

If football has value, then it should be given its just due. If it has no value from an educational point of view, then do away with it.

The world loves a champ and pays off on a winner, and the No. 2 club can never fill the spot.

**THE ONE THING** that probably should be changed is the January 1 date for the game. It's a tough deal, from coaches' and players' points of view, to play a game six weeks after the end of the regular season.

It would be much better to play two weeks after the last regular game, and if the Rose Bowl committee couldn't see it that way, why not play at one of the schools involved?

UCLA certainly wasn't deterred by the fact that it couldn't go to the Rose Bowl, having gone last year.

It ended up as the country's No. 1 club.

It's hard to see what the no-repeat ruling accomplished. Athletic directors and coaches didn't make the decision. The powers that be felt they were too prejudiced in favor of athletics. I wonder if it ever dawned on them that they might be too prejudiced the other way?

**FOULING** in basketball has become the basis for a more severe penalty than before, under the 1954-55 rules.

The new regulation provides that in the case of a one-shot foul the shooter gets an extra shot if he makes the try. If he misses, the ball goes into play.

Thus a bonus is placed on accuracy, and the new rule should cut down on fouling, particularly deliberate fouls in late stages of the game, when teams are trying to get the ball at any cost.

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By THE GARDENER

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In the Barberry family the Japanese member provides excellent holiday color with arching sprays of bright green leaves that turn yellow, orange and red—followed by bright scarlet berries.

A slightly different shade of berries is provided for Christmas by the Darwin Barberry. Dark blue berries that last well into the winter mingle with crisp, dark green foliage.

**HOLLIES**, of course, are the most traditional Christmas shrub of the entire group.

English Holly is everywhere associated with the spirit of Noel. Flowering in May and June and providing scarlet berries in mid-winter, it is slow growing to 40 feet.

Chinese Holly resembles its English relative but is lower-growing and self-fertile. It fruits heavily with big scarlet berries at Christmas.

There are self-fertile strains in both the English and Chinese varieties.

**PYRACANTHAS** are another fine contributor to Christmas. They are strong-growing, erect or spreading, depending on variety, and have

thorny branches and narrow dark green leaves.

Clusters of white flowers appear in spring. But the real glory of these shrubs is the colorful abundance of berries, bright red, orange and yellow in fall and winter.

On the unusual side are the Sarcococca shrubs. The ruscifolia variety fits into the Christmas scene well. A medium-size shrub, it has attractive shiny, dark-green round-ed leaves, fragrant white blossoms and dark scarlet berries.

**COTONEASTERS**, too, add their bit to the Yuletide season. The Rock Spray variety is a low-growing, evergreen with dense branchlets clothed with tiny green leaves.

Silvery-marginal foliage forms a very pleasing background for the bright red berries of the Pannosa variety. This Cotonestars is robust and tall.

The California Association of Nurserymen also recommends the Toyon or Christmas Berry or California Holly—as its variously known—a California native shrub.

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### PARTIES FOR SALLY

Sally Sehring, daughter of the Rudy Sehrings, celebrated her fourth birthday on the 18th with her friends at Pied Piper Play Center. Her mother provided individual cakes, each with a candle, and Sally received a gift.

Then on Monday afternoon she entertained a group of neighborhood playmates at her home on Acacia Road. More gifts, ice cream, and a large birthday cake were shared with Kristine Hansen, Janis Anderson, Mark Langdell, Steve Ivy, David Yates and Douglas Adams.

### SCHOONER CLUB MEETS

Among Sun Valley Schooner Club members who met at Walnut Creek Presbyterian Church Saturday night were the Don Marshalls and Bob Colwells, of Juanita Drive; the Bob Lorens of Kinney Drive; the Ralph Andersons of Acacia Road; and former Kinney Drive residents, the Ken Bradshaws.

A very enlightening talk was given by Rev. Byron Eschelman, who is a chaplain at San Quentin. Two of the Club "Ships," those skippered by the Don Marshalls and the Norman Betagues, bet together and refreshments for the meeting were arranged by Mrs. Bradshaw and Mrs. Anderson.

### PACK 79 MEETING

Thursday night was Cub Pack night at Montecito School, with ceremonies initiating five new members. They are Andrew Yatsko and Bryan Hood of Lincolnshire Court; Greg Haskell, of Juanita Drive; Ronny Russell, of Ruth Court and Ricky Heitzberg, of Stanley Court.

Entertainment was provided by Den 6, a skit on the landing of Columbus, which the boys spent a month of hard work preparing; and by Den 1 members, who furnished a song. Two awards went to Mrs. Schimmel's Den 6; the peace pipe for highest parent attendance and the war drum for inspection. Mrs. Kunter's Den 2 won the war club for most badges received, and Mrs. Perry Thomson's Den 4 won the Ted Kogut award for good conduct at the meeting.

Twenty-seven Cubs attended the Youth Concert in Berkeley last week, put on by the San Francisco Symphony. Accompanying them were Mesdames Jack Cullen, Hank Kunter, Wiley Martin, Bob Frediani and Bob Colwell.

### GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Sunday was a gala day for the Ralph Andersons of Acacia Road, as they went to Sonoma to take part in the Golden Wedding celebration of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Anderson.

The Ralph Andersons; his sister, Mrs. Leroy Barr and her family; and his brother, Andrew Anderson, and his family were all co-hosts at a buffet luncheon in honor of the parents. Many relatives and friends attended, to congratulate the couple on the occasion of their fiftieth year together.

### EIGHT FOR DICK

Last Saturday Dick Gordy, son of the William Gordys on Newell Avenue, invited a group of friends to celebrate his eighth birthday with a movie followed by a supper party at his home. Dick's guests were Mike Harden, Scott Smith, Bruce Smith, Julia McMeans, Ken Tapia and Louise Symonds.

### SPECIAL CUB OUTING

On a recent Saturday the Cubs of Den 7 had a special all day trip to the Zoological Gardens in Oakland. Dads James McMullen of Sunset Loop and B. L. Tyner of Ponderosa Lane sponsored the trip and provided transportation for the boys and their lunches. Lucky Cubs were Tommy Clark, Greg Phelan, Tommie MacMullen, John Sehring, Richard Clevenger and Danny Tyner. Jerry Cullen and Kit Hansen had to miss the trip.

### FIRST FOR HOLLY ANN

It was a family party November 14 for Holly Ann Smith, who celebrated her first birthday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Smith, on Carolyn Court. Initiating her into the yearly rites of cake and candle were her brothers and sister, David, Benny, and Megan; her grandmother, Mrs. Fred Williams; her great grandmother, Mrs. Frank Davies, and Danny Garrett, the latter all of San Francisco.

### RUDY GETS THE BIRD(S)

Saturday found Acacia Road's Rudy Sehring out stalking pheasants. On Sunday home was the hunter with three beautiful birds to be served for Thanksgiving dinner. Daughter Sally had a lovely time displaying them, feathers and all, to the guests at her birthday party on Monday.

### MRS. BRYANT'S ....?

The Ben Smiths were hosts last Sunday evening at a birthday celebration for former Carolyn Court neighbor, now of Sunset Loop, Mrs. Herschel Bryant. Guests were the Don Eselins and their three children; the William Allens with theirs; the Don Johnsons; the Bryants with their two; and Sharon Wood. The children sang in the Children's Choir program at Walnut Creek Presbyterian Church and then met at the Smiths' for refresh-

ments and some of Mrs. Bryant's birthday cake.

### STANLEY STUDENTS PERFORM

Sun Valley parents with children in Stanley School had an opportunity to see the school band and orchestra perform Tuesday evening in the school auditorium. Music was directed by Joseph Disch, instrumental music instructor for the Lafayette Schools. The program was arranged by the Stanley Parents' Club.

### BIG GAME FANS

The Herman Jonases and Ed Prossers left bright and early Saturday morning for the Big Game between Cal and Stanford, getting ahead of the fouled up traffic which occurred later. The foursome had a wonderful day and returned tired but happy.

### GRANDMOTHERS FOR HOLIDAY

Mrs. Paul Adams returned Wednesday to her home on Abbey Court, from a trip to Los Angeles. There she met her mother, Mrs. Ethel Zombro, who was returning from a lengthy motor trip as far east as Kansas. Mrs. Zombro was glad to let her daughter take the wheel for the last part of the journey. The Adams children enjoyed having both grandmothers here for Thanksgiving, as Mrs. Adams' mother, Mrs. Madeline Adams, is on a visit here from the East.

### PHELANS IN ALAMEDA

Having Thanksgiving dinner with his grandmother, Mrs. Agnes Reid, in Alameda were the William Phelans and sons, Greg and Jeff, of Kinney Drive. Phelan's mother, who has been convalescing from surgery at the Phelan home for almost a month left last week to visit her other daughter in Southern California.

### HOFFMANNS HOLIDAY GUESTS

The Ken Hoffmanns entertained yesterday at their home on Kinney Drive, with a family group for Thanksgiving. Included were his sister and family, the Hank Kunters of Carolyn Court; their parents, the John Hoffmanns of Berkeley, his other sister and her family, the Harry Millers, of El Cerrito; and Mrs. Hoffmann's aunt, Mrs. Esther Michener.

### TRIP TO SUNNYVALE

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bragg and daughters, Susan and Judith, of Ponderosa Lane, spent Thanksgiving Day at Sunnyvale at the home of Mrs. Bragg's brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Koepke.

### DANVILLE FOR DINNER

Thanksgiving Day for the Joseph Langdells, son Mark, and Mrs. Langdell's mother, Mrs. John McGahey, included dinner in Danville with their friends, Mr. and Mrs. James E. Crossen and children, Pat, Mickey and Jimmy.

### ATTEND DISTRICT DINNER

Representing Scout Troop 219 at the Annual Outback Dinner Meeting of the Diablo Council of the Meridian District Boy Scouts held at Stanley School a week ago Wednesday were eight Sun Valley couples. These included Neighborhood Commissioner and Mrs. Clarence Britos, Sun Valley Association Representative and Mrs. George Low, Scoutmaster and Mrs. Joe Langdell, Assistant Scoutmaster and Mrs. Earle Kavert, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Couden, Mr. and Mrs. Al Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Augir, and Mr. and Mrs. Orville Morrow.

## S. F. Bank Now First Western

Name of the San Francisco Bank, which has a branch in Lafayette, has been changed to the First Western Bank and Trust Company of San Francisco.

The name-change coincides with announcement by T. P. Coats, chairman of the board of First Western, that stockholders of First Western last week ratified acquisition of 23 Transamerica Corporation subsidiary banks throughout the state into a new statewide banking system.

The former San Francisco Bank has been 77 per cent owned by Transamerica. According to Coats, First Western is purchasing Transamerica's 23 other banking subsidiaries in California. This will result in a consolidated bank with some 55 offices throughout the state, resources of about \$800 million and combined capital accounts in excess of \$50 million, he said.

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## Black and White Pictures Judged

Results of a black and white competition of Contra Costa Camera Club judged recently by Les Mecum with results as follows:

Salon Group — First, Ben Randall, Orinda; second and fifth, Jim Hokanson, Concord, and third and fourth, Challis Gore, Orinda.

Advanced Group — First, third and fourth, Boardman Moore, Lafayette, and second and fifth, Nils Wahlberg, Walnut Creek.

Amateur Group — First and second, Ruth Hokanson, Concord, and third and fourth, Audrey Hinze, Walnut Creek.

A color competition was also recently held by the club with results to be announced in the near future.

And on December 17, the local unit will be host to a color competition of Northern California Council of Camera Clubs. The public is invited.

## State Agents In Pinole Vice Raid

Officers of the State Attorney General's office conducted a raid on a Pinole tavern last weekend arresting two women and 12 men on vice charges.

The state officials were accompanied by Contra Costa County Sheriff's Inspector Ray Stoffels and Investigator David Gardella.

Harold G. Robinson, chief investigator for Attorney General Edmund G. Brown, said the Pinole operation may be "one tentacle of a vast octopus of vice which seems to be spreading over California."

Robinson pointed out that the Pinole raid "adds one more piece to the pattern" of vice in the state and that information gained from this raid will be compared with information supplied by women arrested in recent raids by state agents at Roseville, Isleton and Angels Camp, and in two raids last Saturday night in Santa Clara County.

State agents also urged other family, friends, clubs and interesting events. If you see something important, call at once.

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## Handicapped Child Panel Is Planned

Once again the Contra Costa Chapter of the International Council for Exceptional Children will bring to this area a panel of specialists to discuss problems in the field of the exceptional child.

The program will be held in the library of the Mt. Diablo High School, December 1 at 8 p.m. Of particular interest to teachers and parents will be a short film on seizures in the epileptic child.

Panel members and their field of specialty include Dr. Josephi, cardiac cases; Dr. Helen Halodnak, the multiple handicapped; Violet Brunnett, R.N., the epileptic child; Marilyn Pense, the young adult physically handicapped, and Evanne Wheeler, helping the handicapped.

Dr. Halodnak is a clinical psychologist with the San Francisco Children's Hospital, Mrs. Brunnett,

R.N., is at present an officer in the Richmond Epilepsy Society. A former Shadelands School student, Miss Pense and Evanne Wheeler, member of the Bay Area Good Sports Club, complete the representative panel.

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## 17 Skywatchers Receive Silver Wings At Ground Observer Corps Ceremonies

Wearing the silver wings of the Ground Observer Corps following presentation ceremonies November 17 at Acalanes High School, are 17 skywatchers who have completed 36 hours of training and observer duty at the Lafayette GOC Post.

Wings were presented by Colonel P. H. Greasley, USAF, Vice Commander, 28th Air Division, Hamilton Air Force Base, acting on behalf of Major General Walter E. Todd, Commanding General, Western Air Defense Force.

Skywatchers receiving wings were: Major and Mrs. Winfield Tatro, Orinda; Mrs. Louise Gavey and Mrs. Jesse Hogg, and Emmitt Mitchell, Walnut Creek; Mrs. Larene Blumenfeld, Mr. and Mrs. George Hearne, Mr. and Mrs. George S. Brackett, Robert Smith, Hugh H. Webster, Henry J. Laney, Matthew Harrison, Michael Donovan, Edwin H. Huebner, and C. Herbert Hudson, Lafayette. Hudson received a special award for 500 hours volunteer service at the Oakland Filter Center and the Lafayette GOC Post.

**THE CEREMONIES, PRESIDED** over by Mrs. Isabelle E. Salisbury, post supervisor, climaxed a series of training lectures given by various military officers of the area, under the sponsorship of the Lafayette GOC Post.

At the Speakers' table, in addition to Mrs. Salisbury and Col. Greasley, were: Assemblyman Donald Doyle, Jack Pedder, chairman of the Lafayette Sub-Council, Civil Defense, Capt. Milton Davis, USAF, commanding officer of the Oakland Filter Center, Capt. Raymond Hutchins, USAF, squadron adjutant, 4772 Ground Observer Squadrons, and Richard Lommel, vice president of the Diablo Council of the United Nations.

**FOLLOWING A BRIEF** address by Mrs. Salisbury, in which she outlined the history of the Lafayette Post and the part it has played in plane spotting since its opening last June 3, Capt. Davis introduced guest speaker Col. Greasley.

Starting that "The urgency of the situation prompts using every means available" for defense, and reminding the audience that Russian bombers are based only 11 flying hours from San Francisco, Col. Greasley went on to praise the work of the Ground Observer Corps.

Pointing out that most GOC posts are not fully manned, Greasley said that 6000 more skywatchers are needed in Northern California alone.

Following the presentation of the wings and diplomas, Mr. George Burton, assistant director of the Contra Costa County Civil Defense and Disaster Council, addressed the group. He gave an overall picture of the county defense program, which includes police, fire, health and medical, welfare, engineering, and communications departments, as well as the GOC.

**GENERAL TODD, UNABLE** to attend, sent a message to Mrs. Salisbury congratulating her on the "excellent manner in which you have organized the Ground Observer Post in Lafayette."

The newly decorated skywatchers represent not only a good cross section of our population, but also quite an age span. Mrs. Salisbury observed, for two — Henry Laney and Michael Donovan — are 14-year-old high school students, and Mrs. Louise Gavey confesses to a very young "middle 70's."

Hostesses in charge of refreshments were Mrs. Dorothy Ballachey, chairman Mrs. Larene Blumenfeld, and Mrs. Marianne Righetti.

The program concluded with the color movie, "Operation Ivy," showing the first explosion of the H-Bomb.

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## GOP Women to Elect Officers At Next Meeting

Election of new officers for 1955 will be a highlight of next Wednesday's meeting of the Lafayette Women's Republican Club at 2 p.m. at the home of Mrs. J. E. Lindberg, 953 Hawthorn Drive.

A slate will be submitted by Mrs. Ramsey Underwood and members of her nominating committee. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor.

**MRS. SUMNER McALLISTER** will submit a resolution from the Northern Division Conference of Republican Women, "Resolved, that the United States Government should break off diplomatic relations with Soviet Russia," for a vote by the members.

Mrs. R. P. Tolles and Mrs. Eugene Scofield will present an analysis of election results in Lafayette precincts.

Mrs. Gertrude Walker will give an analysis of party structure in Contra Costa County.

Reasons for the club's membership increase and suggested plans for 1955 will be presented by Mrs. Robert K. Smith, membership chairman.

**MRS. ROBERT JEFFREY** will report on the recent convention of the Northern Division Conference of Republican Women held in San Francisco.

Mrs. Yael Jellon will preside. The afternoon tea will be given as a tribute to precinct workers in this area.

## Witchcraft Will Invade Acalanes With Comedy

Intimate Theater will present Bell, Book and Candle next Friday and Saturday at the Acalanes High School cafeteria.

Curtain time is scheduled at 8:30 p.m. The play, a very successful Broadway comedy, concerns a modern witch, a fetching lady, who falls in love with an ordinary mortal, a handsome and wealthy publisher. The witch's brother and aunt, also practitioners of sorcery, do their best to keep her from going overboard but to no avail.

To add to the witch's difficulties are the antics of a drunken writer gathering material for a modern book on witchcraft. The play, by John Van Druten, is written with sparkling dialogue.

The role of the witch will be played by Edith Dinkin, the handsome publisher by Dan Welty, the witch's brother by Gordon Kull, the drunken writer by Malcolm Sagenkahn and the witch's aunt by Louise Welty.

Direction has been by Leon Dinkin. The combination of a good play and a capable, veteran cast adds up to a treat for all who attend.

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## Greg Busch Home From Hospital After Treatment

The mother of 7-year-old Gregory Busch reported that "Greg came home from the hospital Tuesday but he'll have to go back to the hospital every three days for further treatment and dressing of his burns."

Greg narrowly escaped electrocution in mid-October when he touched a power line after climbing a tree in his back yard at 910 Carl Avenue, Lafayette.

The shocks hurtled him 30 feet to the ground.

His mother said he will have to stay in bed for several months, but that therapy on his right hand has begun and that his hand will not be permanently disabled.

Greg had kept up on his studies while at the Kaiser Foundation Hospital in Walnut Creek.

## Explorer Scouts Hold Social Meet

An "all out social roundtable session" was held November 18 for all Explorer Scouts of Meridian District, Boy Scouts of America, in Acalanes High School.

Robert Shoreen, explorer advisor to Pleasant Hill Post 317, was chairman. The program featured a "Glamor Panel" of eight Pleasant Hill High School girls and instruction in square dancing by Harry Noller of Orinda.

## Catholics in Clothing Drive

This Sunday is the last day of a week-long clothing collection for the homeless abroad by Catholic parishes of the Bay Area.

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Robert Wagner, Terry Moore

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Rock Hudson, Arlene Dahl

## Panel Discusses School Promotion

Highlight of the November 17 meeting of the Citizens' Education Committee at the Lafayette School was a panel discussion on the subject of automatic promotion.

The panel consisted of Mrs. Ford Tussing and Dr. Robert Suczek, who spoke in favor of automatic promotion, and Mrs. Marshall Steel and Robert Brattain, who spoke against it. Chairman Boardman Moore introduced the panel.

Mrs. Tussing outlined her reasons why children should be promoted on the basis of effort, not just accomplishment alone, so they could be kept with their own age and social groups, thus keeping the children from being frustrated by a sense of failure.

**DR. SUCZEK GAVE** individual differences in children as the basis for his talk in favor of automatic promotion.

Mrs. Steel began her talk against automatic promotion with the question, "Do you believe in conveyor-belt education?" and said that this type of promotion is based upon "size rather than accomplishment."

Brattain used baseball as an analogy in saying "Life pays off on accomplishment, not just effort. It is the achievement of a definite standard which will best prepare children for life," Brattain said.

**FOLLOWING THE FOUR** speakers, questions were directed from the floor.

Reports from the various subcommittees were presented. Robert Miller, chairman of the committee on curriculum, announced that Ben Harris and Mrs. Eleanor Diehl, 4th grade teacher at Vallejo, had accepted the invitation to work with this committee.

Fred Dietz, chairman of the teachers' qualifications committee, announced that the Lafayette principals will meet with his committee to help prepare a questionnaire to be sent to Lafayette teachers.

**BEN HARRIS STATED** that the committee on discipline hopes to have representatives from the Citizens' Committee again, and that its purpose is to "try to refine and complete a framework for practice in discipline in the Lafayette district." Harris also stated that the committee on "reporting to parents" will be re-activated on December 8.

Ted Newman reported for the architectural and building subcommittee, stating that its members were looking into suggestions for improvements in the Reliez Valley school.

Chairman oMore announced, "In deference to Christmas, there will be no monthly meeting of the Education Committee in December."

The January meeting will be held on the third Wednesday evening in the Lafayette auditorium.

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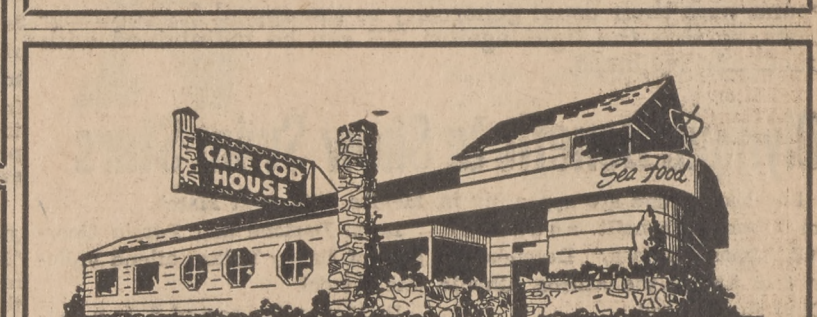
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By now you have undoubtedly received in the mail those sheets of brightly colored Christmas Seals from the Contra Costa Tuberculosis and Health Association. The 1954 Christmas Seal Sale drive was launched this week.

This year's goal of the Contra Costa anti-TB organization is \$65,000. That amount is needed for 1955. Ninety-four per cent of all funds raised locally will remain in the county and state.

The money will be used to discover unknown cases of TB and to aid TB patients in their struggle to return to normal living.

Remember, the TB Association does not share in United Crusade funds.

We are confident that Central Contra Costans will respond with their usual generosity to the appeal for contributions, so that the fight against TB can be maintained with unceasing vigilance.

## Olympic Benefit to Show Swim Stars

Local area stars are appearing in

an Olympic benefit aquacade, "Christmas Fantasy," December 9 at 8:15 p.m. at the Athens Athletic Club in Oakland.

There will be no admission charge and the public is invited to attend, says Mrs. Edward E. Georgian, 4030 Happy Valley Road, Lafayette. Mrs. Georgian is publicity chairman of the Athens Water Folies, co-sponsor of the aquacade.

Barbara Stark and Rose, Darlene and Papsie Georgian are the local stars taking part.

Miss Stark, of Orinda, will exhibit her specialty, the backstroke. Barbara, a senior at Acalanes High School, is America's foremost woman backstroke champion and was the youngest member of the U.S. swim team at the 1952 Olympics at Helsinki. At present she is training for the Pan American Games in

Mexico City next March.

Rose, Darlene and Papsie Georgian of Happy Valley, attend Valley City School.

Papsie, at the age of 8, is a veteran of four years with the Athens Water Folies, performing as a soloist.

Papsie has twice won the Junior Olympic Championship for solo synchronized swimming.

Darlene, 7, is a veteran of three years with the Water Folies.

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What They Say...

## Rural Tinge Is Hard to Maintain

As Central Contra Costa County expands by leaps and bounds both in population and in industry, the question in the minds of many who have moved here to escape the so-called "big city clutter" is "How can we maintain the rural atmosphere around here?"

The SUN got its phone finger busy again this week to sample the opinions of local residents on that issue. What they had to say may reflect the thinking of most: That maintaining the rural atmosphere in the face of this "boom" may be tremendously difficult, if not impossible. Here are some of the answers The SUN received:

**SAID ROBERT H. STRATTON JR.**, of 833 Mariposa Road, Lafayette. "It's rather hard to keep rural atmosphere and maybe we who like the country may just have to move further out." Stratton, who is district operating supervisor for General Petroleum, added that the answer to the problem may be in corporation of the cities, and "making tough zoning restrictions."

Mrs. Richard Darmstead, 3306 Glenside Drive, Lafayette, feels that "We'll probably be a big city some day." Mrs. Darmstead adds, "The only thing to do is go along with it and make the best of it. Maybe if we incorporate we can control the situation somewhat."

"ADHERING CLOSELY to the zoning laws," was the answer given by Mrs. Chester Clark, 12 Las Vegas Road, Orinda. "We can't let the businesses spread out all over," she opined.

Mrs. E. V. McNamara, 133 Meadow Lane, Orinda said, "It's just like a city now, parking is scarce, and I don't think we'll be able to keep the rural atmosphere." Mrs. McNamara feels that incorporation is not the answer.

"Gee, I wouldn't know," replied Mrs. Lillian M. Miller of 125 Lakewood Road, Walnut Creek.

"Well I just think that's the way it is," said Mrs. Robert W. Dyer of 21 Maywood Drive, Walnut Creek. "It's country here and it will always be that way."

"I don't think it will," said Mrs. George Chase of 108 Hubbard Avenue, Pleasant Hill. "With more people here, they will want more things like a city—sidewalks and street lamps."

"Well I really don't think they will want to maintain a rural atmosphere," said Mrs. Joe E. Ryan of 2085 Ahnetia Drive, Pleasant Hill.

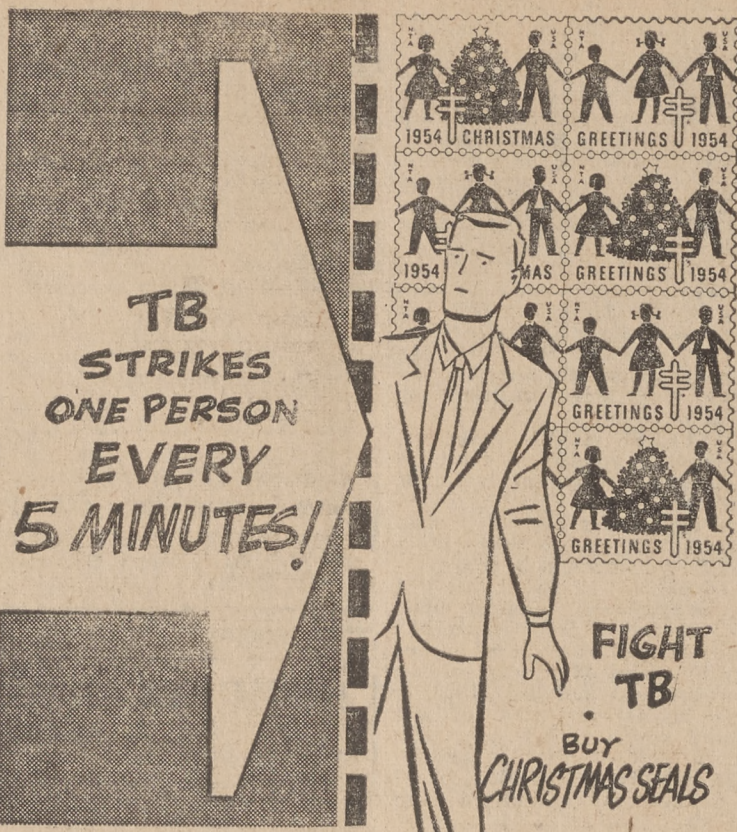
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## Dr. Bryant Will Speak to Guests At Park Meeting

Dr. Harold C. Bryant, distinguished naturalist, will be the guest speaker at the public meeting of the Contra Costa Park and Recreation Council Monday at 8 p.m. at the Concord Recreation Center at Parkside and Salvio Streets.

Dr. Bryant will show his film "In the Beginning," a story of Grand Canyon National Park, which was presented to him upon his retirement as Superintendent of Grand Canyon National Park for 15 years.

**THE BRYANTS CAME** to California in 1875, settling in Pasadena, then called "Indiana Colony," where Harold Child Bryant was born and raised.

Eventually the exceptional qualities of Bryant were noticed in Washington where he was called to make a national survey, resulting in his spending the next 10 years as Assistant Director of the National Park Service.

**THERE HE WORKED** to establish a standard of service for all national parks—this service becoming one of the world's finest nature organizations.

Although he has retired as Superintendent of Grand Canyon National Park, his interest in conservation will never be a retiring one. His movie and talk promise to be interesting and the public is welcome to attend on Monday at the Concord Recreation Center.

## Retarded Kids' School Described To Junior Women

John P. Hirvela, founder of Guidance for Retarded Children of Contra Costa, East Branch, was guest speaker at the Lafayette Junior Woman's Club's meeting November 18 at the Lafayette School auditorium.

He explained the methods which the school located at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Walnut Creek, uses to teach and assist the children. This cooperative venture has 11 pupils from the areas between Lafayette and Port Chicago. Ages range from 3 to 8 years.

**THERE IS ROOM** for four more children. The teacher is assisted by parents.

This is the second school Hirvela has founded. The first one, in El Sobrante, was founded in 1952 and is still operating.

Work for the school in Walnut Creek was begun last spring when the parents formed a club. The cooperative school was established in September, after St. Paul's Church offered space.

**NEXT PROJECT** of the Lafayette Juniors will be a rummage sale December 10 at Miller Hall in Berkeley.

Proceeds will be earmarked for Guidance for Retarded Children of Contra Costa, East Branch. Mrs. George Yorg, ways and means chairman is in charge.

## Carma White to Give Talks on Yuletide Decor

The pre-Christmas season again brings to Orchard Nursery its program of lectures on Christmas arrangements for the home by Carma White.

There will be three lectures Tuesday and three on Wednesday, at 10:30 a.m. and 2 and 8 p.m. each day. All are open to the public.

Miss White has appeared at the nursery for the past five years.

Many new ideas will be introduced by Miss White, who will illustrate her talks with displays of her work.

"How to Do It Yourself" will be emphasized by Miss White. A resident of this area, she has made frequent appearances before local women's organizations, and is well known here.

## USO to Fete Air Force Men

Two hundred trainees from Parks Air Force Base will be guests of honor Sunday at the Diablo Area USO holds a Thanksgiving party from 1 to 8 p.m. in the Walnut Creek Recreation Center.

## 93 Take Part in Diamond K Final Football Contest

Ninety-three contestants submitted entries in time for this year's final Diamond K Supply Football Contest last week—but none guessed the required number of 18 winning teams in order to win a merchandise-order prize.

Closest, with 17 correct guesses each, were R. R. Bowles, 102 Orchard Road, Orinda; D. F. Ehrhart, 129 Elliott Drive, Concord, and R. D. Stanley, 1249 Coventry Road, Concord.

Three persons turned in entries too late for consideration.

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## Letters to The Editor

Dear Editor:

Thanksgiving is more than a feast. It is a time for expressing gratitude, gratitude for blessings received.

Because we as a family have so recently received a supreme blessing, we have felt that our gratitude this year should be somewhat of an actual demonstration rather than merely a heartfelt expression.

The most real kind of demonstration would be to share with others who are less privileged. And this year we are lucky in that the amounts we have to share will buy so much for hungry people.

**THIS IS SO** because our government recently authorized the President to give outright up to 300 million dollars' worth of surpluses to free nations and to "friendly but needy" populations without regard to the friendliness of their governments." The President was directed to "make use of the facilities of voluntary relief agencies" in carrying out this program.

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GEORGIA BUSCH.

Dear Editor:

I want to express my thanks to the voters in the area served by your newspaper for their inspiring support in the recent Congressional election.

I had an opportunity during the campaign to meet many fine people in your area. I deeply appreciate the large number of votes cast for me in that area and the many volunteers who devoted so many hours to helping my campaign.

Thank you also for the excellent coverage which you gave to the campaign in your newspaper. This is deeply appreciated.

Sincerely yours,  
JOHN F. BALDWIN  
Congressman-elect

Dear Editor:

We can't possibly thank you enough for the cooperation you gave us for our candidates meeting.

This was our first attempt at a large meeting and we were just thrilled with the outcome. The candidates seemed to have been pleased also and thanked (the chairman) for the opportunity of speaking before such a large gathering.

I know it was your coverage which brought many of the people, and we really appreciate all that you did.

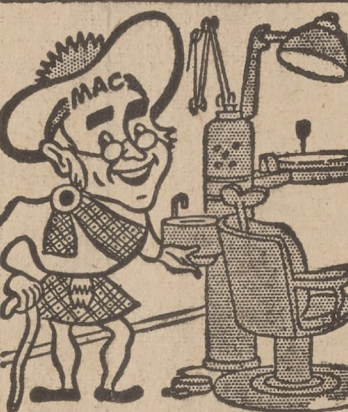
Thanks very much.  
KATHRYN LITSINGER,  
League of Women Voters

## Red Cross Appoints Two New Chairmen

Two new committee appointments were recently announced by Chairman Irving Magill of Mt. Diablo Chapter, American Red Cross.

Mrs. George Page of 185 Crest Avenue, Walnut Creek, is now entertainment chairman and Mrs. Eugene Thompson of 20 Santa Rita Drive, Walnut Creek, is new Junior Red Cross Chairman.

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## Under The Sun

By Herman Silverman

### Let's clip and rip!

Are you a newspaper "clip-er?"

As you read a paper, do you clip out items that interest, intrigue or anger you? This writer is one of the champion clip-ers of Central Contra Costa County. Clip-er is not really the correct word for me. I am a "rip-er" — not neat and careful like a clip-er.

Eleanor tries to get the paper first, cause if she doesn't, some of the pages look like confetti. And I don't stop with newspapers. Magazines are equally vulnerable. In fact, I think my barber suspects me. The end result, of course, is two file folders filled with clips. So, today let's rip into the clips.

### From the asbestos file:

I filed the first clip in an asbestos file folder — for stories that burn me up. Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company this week announced an application to the State Public Utilities Commission for a \$4,980,000 rate increase. This is to cover the recent wage increase granted to their employees — which in turn reduced the company's profits. The company says the rate increase would not be very large spread over all its subscribers.

All I can say is, "Nuts."

P.T.&T. has applied for and, I believe, has received a rate increase almost every year for the past half dozen or more years. Other utilities have not. Salaries and costs of all business firms climb each year with a reduction in the net, but these firms do not — and can not — constantly increase the price of their goods or services.

The phone company situation is absurd. The more money they spend — the more is their profit. This is because they have been guaranteed a certain percentage of profit by the P.U.C. It is time that the State says NO.

### Change the law

Digging deeper into the asbestos file, I find clips on candidates reporting their campaign expenditures as required by law. First, clearly understand that candidates are not breaking the law when they do not accurately list all the funds spent. The law is weak and full of loopholes. The law should be changed to explicitly state that every penny spent by or for a candidate must be itemized.

Many candidates now merely list how much they as individuals spend — but they do not report money spent by others in their behalf. Some do not even list the exact sources of income.

In the primary, for example, Lt. Gov. Harold Powers reported \$1,725 in expenses but one of his losing opponents, James Silliman, listed \$12,790 as his personal expense and \$10,100 spent by others. Powers' report is of no value. It cannot be compared. Many thousands more were spent for his campaign. Democrat Ed Roybal figured his expenses at \$1,410, which is too low.

### Here are exhibits A and B

Here are some other unrealistic figures from the general election: John Baldwin listed \$1,510.27 and \$2500 received from the National Republican Congressional Committee. I would estimate Baldwin's campaign cost from \$15,000 to \$30,000.

Assemblyman Don Doyle's statement said that any funds spent above the \$542.09 he accounted for personally were spent by a campaign finance committee. Doyle's campaign cost several thousand dollars.

I repeat: The candidates are not legally at fault. The law should be changed.

I have not seen a breakdown of the sheriff's statements but one clip lists Brown's expenses at \$6,344.69 and Richardson's at \$5,040. The article states that 70 minor contributors gave \$1,919.41 to the Brown fund, and names major contributors. Richardson, according to the newspaper, reported \$3,873 was raised by picnics and rally contributions and \$750 from a breakfast meeting.

### Finally — At Last!

Here's another ripped clip: "Purchase of 50 new automobiles, 27 of them for the sheriff's office, was announced today by County Administrator Desmond M. Teeter."

**Hooray and at Last!** For years grand juries have recommended this. And months ago the supervisors voted to provide cars—but said the whole deal couldn't be completed until January 1957. How many thousands of dollars each year the county has lost in the past is impossible to estimate, but now that is over.

Which brings us to another clip:

"In California the grand jury is charged with investigating 'the wilful or corrupt misconduct in office of public officers of every description within the county...'"

"The grand jury supplies the only fresh look at the county, the only disinterested inspection of its operations... Yet for the most part, its findings and reports are unnoticed or ignored. The Contra Costa County Grand Jury report of this year points to this and expresses the belief it is being intentionally hamstrung to keep its work from being too effective."

These excerpts from a Tribune editorial suggest some changes in the law, which will be discussed in the future.

### You can act

But, remember, the county grand jury is your investigating body. If you have any complaints, suggestions or important data, pass it on to the county grand jury.

Too many of us complain about too many things and do too little about it. You can send the material to the jury but it is better to present it in person. The grand jury won't bite; it is composed of citizens appointed to do a job.

The chairman of the current grand jury is Robert Claxton, 33 Lenox Road, Berkeley. Representing our area are Mrs. Corinne Buck, 1861 Ramona Way, Walnut Creek; Armand Monlux, 31 Ball Road, Walnut Creek; and Harold Hallenbeck, 1085 Marguerite Court, Lafayette.

Well, I've taken care of four clips — and have about 250 to go. So, I'd better go.

### ECCJC Building Plans Forthcoming

Plans for a 175,000 student activities building at East Contra Costa Junior College were ordered drawn by district trustees Monday night. Oakland architect Harry A. Bruno was authorized by the board to proceed with plans and specifications for a building of some 15,000 square feet to include a student lounge, snack bar, dining room, kitchen, rest rooms, student book store, student body offices and other facilities.

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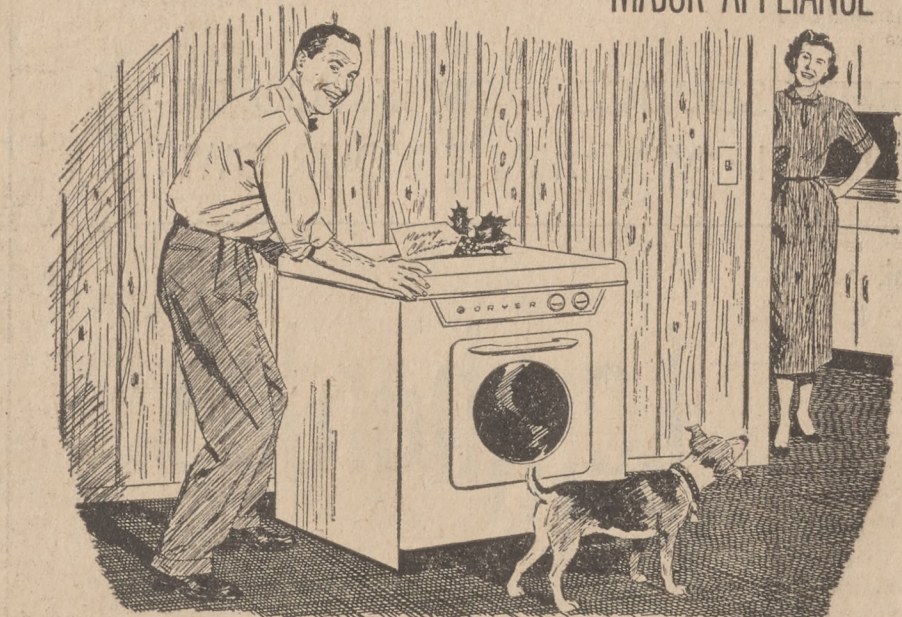
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